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POLITICAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

Alger Leads.

Look over the entire political field of presidential candidates, present and prospective, and you see a body of truly great men, either of whom would honor the office of the chief executive of the nation: Sherman, Hawley, Lincoln, Harrison, Grasham, Frye and others who may yet be named; have their followers, who urge the special fitness of their respective favorites for the position.

The AVALANCHE would be personally satisfied with the election of either of them; believing that the grand principles of Progression and Protection, as advocated by the republican party would be faithfully carried forward. But there are reasons why some other man should be named.

The opposition have all the prestige of place from which they have been long debarred, and will not yield their short lease of power without a terrific struggle. Knowing this, it behooves the people to secure unanimity of action, and place at the head of the ticket a name that cannot be assailed.

To select as a standard bower one who shall unite all factions that may have arisen in the party, and draw to our colors all of the opposition who are opposed to the free trade dogmas of the present administration, and who oppose the action of such men as West and his friends, who insult the soldiers that saved the nation.

Such a man we have in Michigan. Such a man is Russell A. Alger, the trusted friend of the "Plumed Knight" and the acknowledged friend of each of the illustrious gentlemen above named. A leader wherever he has been, liberal in all his views, generous in all his acts and the acknowledged peer of any. No stain attaches to his name, no political jobbery can be ascribed to him, and we predict his nomination and election by an overwhelming vote. Alger Leads.

Chief Justice Sherrard dissents from the opinions of his fellow supreme judges of Michigan, in that he believes the new liquor law to be entirely constitutional.

The great benefit of the republican club plan of organization will be found in the fact that it will bring the young and zealous men to the front, and retire some of the older leaders who have lost the enthusiasm and energy of youth. —*Blade.*

Dakota ought to be admitted as rapidly as the necessary steps can be taken, leaving the question regarding the other territories to be settled later. Its title is absolutely clear, and no other territory, must be said, has one. —*New York Tribune.*

Congressman Barrows says that Michigan will send ten republican congressmen to the fifty-first congress. If Congressmen Fisher votes to put him and salt on the free list, as it is said that he will do, we have no doubt that the next Congressman from the Tenth District will be a republican. —*West Branch Times.*

Cassius M. Clay, of Kentucky, in writing to a friend, says: "I agree with you that Robert T. Lincoln is the man to win. He has no rivals and no enemies. If any man besides Blaine can carry New York, Lincoln is that man; and, more, he is the only republican who can carry a southern state. So that, without New York, even he could be elected. I have for many years been of this opinion."

The late Congressman Moffatt deserved all that was said of him in the three hours and a half of eulogy yesterday, as much as any congressman ever did. The trouble is that the same kind and amount of words fall, like the rain upon the just and the unjust. If congress had the same amount of leisure that the rain has, it would be all right, however valueless this want of discrimination makes these enclaves. But more than half of the session is gone, and not a bill has passed. When, as sometimes happens, half-a-dozen members die during the session, the want of time is very serious. —*Detroit Journal.*

After it became clear that the majority of the democratic national committee considered San Francisco too far away for the convention, and that the choice would lie between Chicago and St. Louis, here is the argument that beat Chicago:

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The Century:
For March contains several features of romantic interest. First in uniqueness, perhaps, is Mr. Kennan's continuation of his revelations in regard to the Russian state prisons, the details of which are remarkable for interest, and bear every evidence of authenticity.

A narrative paper of thrilling detail is Captain Frank B. Moran's account of the planning, mishaps, and finally successful execution of Colonel Rose's Tunnel at Libby Prison, the narrator having been one of the party who escaped. The article is illustrated.

In "The Home Ranch," Mr. Theodore Roosevelt gives a continuation of his graphic papers on the daily life of a ranchman, accompanied by illustrations by Frederic Remington, done from the life, and of striking faithfulness in detail. Mr. Roosevelt deals with such topics as the bronco-buster, mired cattle, practice with the lasso, winter dangers, bird life on the Little Missouri.

A paper of out-of-the-way biography is contributed by Mr. John Bigelow, in his "Franklin's Home and Host—In

France," the host being Mr. Donatien Le Ray de Chaumont. The unpublished letters from Franklin, Adams, and others help to complete the record of this friendship. The illustrations include portraits of Franklin, M. de Chaumont, and a drawing by Victor Hugo of the house occupied by Franklin.

This number also contains two full-page portraits of Bismarck, one after the bust by Roth; the other (which appears as a frontispiece) is from a photograph and shows the Chancellor in his garden, with his two hounds. A short anonymous article considers Bismarck's peculiar influence.

The Lincoln History deals with "The Call to Arms," the story of

Suiter being re-told authoritatively, the narrative being as before, with the aid of unpublished material.

The poetry of the number includes "A Far Cry to Heaven," by Edith M. Thomas; "Lifted Veils," by C. P. Crane; "The Roads that Meet," by Rose Hawthorne Lathrop; "Aspiration," by Mary Aling De Vere; "To a Veteran," by A. S. L. Gray; and "The White Tsar's People," by R. W. Gilder.

The editorial department includes articles on "English as She is Taught," "The Growing Independence of American Journalism," "American Architecture in English Eyes," and "Land-scape Gardening and Forestry."

In "Open Letters" are several dealing with educational questions: "The Public School Problem," "Mind Training," a reply to the articles on "The Education of the Blind," a paper "To the Deaf," and other suggestive letters.

A special Washington telegram to the Chicago *Inter-Ocean*, says: The indications are that the House Election Committee will next take up the Washington and Post case from Illinois, and if the democratic majority of the committee is to follow in the partisan

line which it has laid down in the cases already decided, Mr. Post will have little reason to expect justice. The committee has just counted out Mc-Doyle of Alabama, of whose election any circumstances to accept the nomination for president should it be tendered him, has the effect of adding to his already great popularity. "Little Phil," as his old soldiers like to call him, prefers to end his career as he began it—a soldier; and that he made a wise choice, no one can doubt, who will think of the trouble that followed the resignation of Gen. Grant from the army.

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WASHINGTON LETTER

[From Our Regular Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24, '88.

The anti-Cleveland movement in the democratic party is no longer to be conducted secretly. Nearly two-thirds of the National democratic committee, which met here this week to select the time and place for holding the nominating convention, are exposed to Cleveland. This fact was clearly brought out by the vote on the proposition made by Representative Scott, of Pennsylvania, to hold the convention in advance of the republican convention, which was 28 opposed to 19 in favor of an early convention. This fact is very suggestive, as it is well known here that Cleveland was in favor of an early convention, believing that the party controlling the government, should always take the initiative in a national campaign. The above vote is believed to represent the Cleveland and anti-Cleveland strength of the committee.

The next day the Cleveland men, informed by telegrams from Dan Lounion, succeeded in getting a re-consideration, and June 5th set as the day for holding the convention.

Another straw showing the direction of the breeze was the selection of St Louis as the place for the convention. The Cleveland men want it held somewhere else than there. Still another black eye for the Cleveland people was the selection of Steinway, the piano maker, to fill the vacancy in the committee from New York. Mr. Steinway has not been connected with any of the factions in the party in New York, but he is known to be extremely friendly to Gov. Hill. It was fortunate for Cleveland that he was out of the city, as it gave him time to smooth his ruffled feathers before returning to the White House.

It will be surprising if the republican Senators will vote to confirm the one-sided Fisheries' treaty, which Cleveland says meets his approval.

His ideas of what this country has a right to demand are a long way below those of the average American citizen. Does any sensible man believe that such a treaty could have been negotiated with James G. Blaine, secretary of State?

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J. C. HANSON, Local Editor.

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Bran, per ton, \$2.00.
May flour, roller patent, per barrel, \$1.00.
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Extra meal, beef, per barrel, \$1.00.
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Muss pork, per barrel, \$1.00.
Refined lard, per pound, 9cts.
Hans, sugar cured, per pound, 14cts.
Breakfast bacon, per pound, 14cts.
Clear pork sides, per pound, 10cts.
Boneset rump beef, per pound, 6cts.
Creamery butter, per pound, Dally 22.
Fresh eggs, per dozen, 22cts.
O. G. Java, ground, per pound, 28cts.
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Teas, green, per pound, 15 to 25cts.
Sugar, extra C, per pound, 7cts.
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Pay up your subscription to the Avalanche and get the American Farmer for one year.

One pound baking powder warranted equal to the best for twenty-five cents, at the store of S. H. & Co.

If you want good sweet cider, go to the store of W. H. James. Only 25 cents per gallon.

Now is your time to buy an Overcoat cheaper than the cheapest, at the Mammoth Store.

We want a good live correspondent in every township in the county. We will furnish correspondents with stationery and the Avalanche free.

The finest stock of meats at the City Meat Market, of C. W. Wight, every day and Oysters and Chickens on Saturday.

For SALE.—A good cook stove. Can be seen at King's Hotel. For price etc., enquire at the Avalanche office.

Boiling meat, only six cents per pound at the Meat Market of C. W. Wight.

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No. 50 was the lucky one and Mrs. T. Wakeley the fortunate one who drew the fine couch at James' which was given as a premium with the First City Baking powder.

A gentleman from the north who should be posted, says that David Ward has enough timber standing in the northern counties to keep 500 men at work for nearly twenty years. — Bay City Tribune.

Mr. L. S. Benson is engaged in one of the largest wholesale millinery houses in Detroit, at present, but will return in a short time with the largest and finest stock of Millinery ever brought to Grayling.

W. H. James is the possessor of a new Estey Organ, from the establishment of Whitney & Co., of Detroit. It is a good one.

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The republicans of Otsego county are harmonizing their little personal differences and are going to win a handsome victory over the opposite fellows this coming fall. Paste this in your hat. — Otsego Co. Herald.

Palmon Valentine, of Frederic, has sold his stock of goods to Messrs. Watt and Smith, of Otsego Lake. They will carry on the business as formerly but with a larger and more complete stock of goods.

DEPT.—At Pere Cheney, Thursday, March 1st, Mrs. EDITH WEBSTER daughter of C. D. Culver, Esq., and sister of Mrs. G. L. Alexander and Fred Culver of this village. The deceased was ill but six hours, having retired in usual health the previous evening. She was found in convulsions, having been summoned, but life was extinct before his arrival.

An allnight debauch by a gang of employees at Sand's camp on Portage Lake, ended Tuesday morning in a fight between the foreman, Albert H. Grund, and a reputed prison-breaker Dan Mahoney, who struck Grund over the head with a heavy whalebone, inflicting dangerous if not fatal injury. Mahoney is in jail charged with an assault to do great bodily harm.

At the recent regular examination of teachers, there were eighteen applicants for certificates; of whom the following were successful: Lizzie Bradley, Bell Carson, Libbie Bates, Lewis W. Ostrander, Emma Medcalf, Minnie Bradford, Elena Hanna, Capitol Smith, L. E. Wallace, Mary O. Crego, Mary E. Marsh, Fannie E. Lound receiving third grade, and H. Minnie Ford and J. O. Hicks second grade certificates.

Trains of Mackinaw are having no end of trouble from the snow and hail that fell Thursday. No train left there yesterday and not any arrived. Four locomotives and two snow plows were stalled there yesterday. One plow managed to get away about half a mile but became blocked and a big snow plow had to be sent up from this end. The half was as heavy as sand and when the rain fell it froze solidly. It is expected a hole will be cut through by to-day so trains will run regularly. — Bay City Tribune of Mar. 9th, 1888.

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